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In re the Application of:  RUDOLF PETER MUIS ET AL.  Serial No.: U.S. Nat'l. Phase of PCT/NL03/00357 fld. 05/15/03  Filed: NOVEMBER 16, 2004  For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A LAYER OF A SECOND MATERIAL TO A LAYER OF A NANOCRYSTALLINE FIRST MATERIAL	Art Unit: Unknown  Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None

**Remarks:** begin on page 5 of this paper.